

ATTENTION ALL NDE PORTAL USERS:

Please log onto your portal accounts and go to the “My Profile” tab and check to make sure your contact information (**especially the email address**) is up to date. It is very important to keep this information updated as the Department of Education uses the email address that is in the users’ Portal account to send vital information. Thank you!!



Prekindergarten Intent to Operate Statement

Contact: Kristine Luebbe 402-471-1860 or kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov

Districts or Educational Service Units intending to start a prekindergarten program shall provide the Nebraska Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood written verification as described in Rule 11, 003.01 at least 60 days prior to beginning such program. Please submit the required verification to Kristine Luebbe: kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov.



SPED IDEA Consolidated Application (GMS) – OPENED: May 29 – CLOSE: July 19

Contact: Susie Pierce (402-471-4333 or suzie.pierce@nebraska.gov)

The 2019-2020 SPED IDEA Consolidated application is scheduled to open in the GMS Wednesday, May 29 with a due date of July 19 (11:59 p.m. CDT). Check the GMS logon page for any updates <https://nde.mtwgms.org/NDEGMSWebv02/logon.aspx>.



IDEA Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (MOE) Eligibility Standard for Special Education

OPEN NOW – CLOSE: July 19

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

School district eligibility for receipt of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA Part B) funds are contingent upon maintaining fiscal effort from year to year. Districts are to report within this application estimated special education expenditures, receipts, and resident child counts to establish **eligibility** for the receipt IDEA Part B funds through the Grant Management system (GMS) during the 2019-2020 school year. <http://ideamoe.education.ne.gov/default.aspx>



2019-2020 Early Childhood State Continuation Grants – DUE DATE: July 26

Contact: Kristine Luebbe 402-471-1860 or kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov

The 2019-20 Early Childhood State Continuation Grant application is open for specified districts for continuation of early childhood grant funds in GMS and is due to NDE by July 26.



2019-2020 SPED Planning Region Team (PRT) Grant – DUE: August 1

Contact: Cole Johnson (402-471-4318 or cole.johnson@nebraska.gov)

The 2019-2020 SPED Planning Region Team (PRT) Grant application is open in the GMS. Due to NDE **August 1**.



Error 455 Updated

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org)

Public and Special Purpose Schools Only

Error 455 “PK Grade Students Are Not Reported In Early Childhood or Special Education Program” has been updated to correct an issue with some exited students. Please review ADVISER Validation to see if this error now applies to your district. Due to the timing of this change, NDE will consider this a valid reason to approve a “Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes” for correcting the students listed in this error, if you are not able to fix them during the audit window.



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org)

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It has been brought to our attention that there is an issue with some districts ability to submit Unaccompanied Homeless Youth through their Student Information System, and that this issue cannot be corrected before the end of the 2018-2019 Year-End Audit Window. Due to this issue, Unaccompanied Homeless Youth data will be available for updates in the 2018-2019 Follow-Up window.

A new verification report is now available to review this data within ADVISER Validation, under General and Miscellaneous > Homeless Unaccompanied Youth.



Updated Due Date for ADVISER Discipline Reporting for 2018-2019 School Year

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org)

Public and Special Purpose Schools Only

The 2018-2019 Year-end reporting for ADVISER Discipline reporting is due June 15 with the Audit Window Close Date of June 30.

UPDATE: As stated previously, Discipline data in ADVISER has will be available for additional data clean-up through the **2018-2019 ADVISER Follow-up** window (due October 15, 2019, Audit Window Close Date of October 31, 2019). Because of this, Discipline data will not be displayed on the ADVISER Validation website until after the close of the **2018-2019 Year-End** window.

Reminder: The discipline reporting for 2018-2019 school year will come from your Student Information System (SIS) to ADVISER.

Special Education Discipline (Portal/Data Collections tab) and the Report of Suspensions/Expulsions (CDC) are no longer used to reported discipline data. All reporting comes from your SIS. The “Assurances for 79-263(1)” still needs to be completed in the Report of Suspensions/Expulsions in the CDC.



Resilience Training for Educators – July

Contact: Jolene Palmer (jolene.palmer@nebraska.gov)

In response to recent flooding, efforts are being made to support the school safety recovery phase. Research shows that mental health effects of the flooding or natural disasters present themselves 6-8 months after the event.

We are trying to get a framework created to help schools and communities deal with the aftermath and long-term effects. This training will help participants identify those symptoms and guide the process of getting support.

We will hold training in Nebraska City and Grand Island in July. The training will offer “Resilience Strategies for Educators: Techniques for Self-Care and Peer Support.” The training is designed to assist caregivers in schools and school districts to better understand resilience strategies following natural disasters and other emergency events.

Here are the dates/locations:

July 23 – Train the Educators, Nebraska City Arbor Day Lodge, Steinhart Room

July 25 – Train the Educators, Bosselman Conference Center in the Heartland Events Center, Grand Island

Please contact Jolene Palmer if you would like to register at jolene.palmer@nebraska.gov

There is no fee for the training. Lunch will be on your own. More details will follow as we near the event.



HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

1. Click on the “Helpdesk Request” in the upper right hand corner. This will open your email to send your question to the NDE Helpdesk at ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org.
Include your full name, organization and a detail description of your question.
This email will automatically create a ticket.
2. Send an email directly to: ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org
Include your full name, organization, a detail description of your question, alternate contact and phone number.
This email will automatically create a ticket.
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**
Leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

The Helpdesk Request and email to ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org are the fastest ways to get your questions to the Helpdesk. All questions are answered in the order in which they are received.

NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <https://www.education.ne.gov/bulletins>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.



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